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SUBJECT: UDF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT

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1. PLANNED OPPOSITION (UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT) CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT LURCHED TO UNCERTAIN START IN LAHORE AND MULTAN, BUT APPARENTLY NOT ELSEWHERE IN PUNJAB. THOUGH SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AUGUST 24, NOTHING OF NOTE TOOK PLACE UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 25, WHEN PROCESSIONS WERE TAKEN OUT IN TWO CITIES IN DEFIANCE OF BAN ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS (SECTION 144 OF PENAL CODE). POLICE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED 12 UDF LEADERS OF PROCESSIONS, INCLUDING PUNJAB UDF VICE PRESIDENT NAWABZADA NASRULLAH KHAN (PML), PML GENERAL SECRETARY MALIK MOHAMMAD QASIM, AND LESS PROMINENT MEMBERS OF NAP, JUI, JUP, PJP AND KAKSAR TAHRIK. PUNJAB'S LEADING OPPOSITION PARTY, JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI, REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCESSIONS, SAYING FLOOD RELIEF WORK WAS MORE IMPORTANT AT MOMENT, AND THAT PARTY HAD SUSPENDED ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

2. NINE MORE UDF LEADERS WERE ARRESTED AUGUST 26 IN LAHORE

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AND MULTAN WHEN THEY AGAIN TRIED TO MOUNT PROCESSIONS. AT

SAME TIME, UDF PRESIDENT KHWAJA MUHAMMAD SAFDAR (PML) ANNOUNCED THAT UDF WOULD NEITHER PROTEST ARRESTS NOR PUT UP BAIL FOR DETAINEES.

3. SEVEN MORE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED IN LAHORE AND MULTAN AUGUST 27, MOST PROMINENT OF WHOM WAS PML LEADER CHAUDRI MOHAMMAD HUSSAIN CHATHA. FIVE UDF LEADERS ALSO OFFERED THEMSELVES FOR ARREST IN JHELM, BUT WERE IGNORED BY POLICE SINCE SECTION 144 NOT IN FORCE THERE. UDF PRESIDENT SAFDAR TOLD PRESS 300 PERSONS HAD REGISTERED FOR FUTURE PROCESSIONS WITH PML OFFICE, AND "THOUSANDS" MORE AT OTHER UDF OFFICES IN PROVINCE. HE SAID UDF PLANNED TO SEND FORTH FIVE PERSONS DAILY TO COURT ARREST, BUT COMPLAINED THAT GOVERNMENT HAD IMPOSED SECTION 144 ONLY IN PUNJAB AND NOT IN FRONTIER OR BALUCHISTAN (BOTH STRONGHOLDS OF NAP).

4. FOLLOWING ARREST OF FIVE DEMONSTRATORS IN LAHORE AUGUST 27, STREET BATTLE ERUPTED OUTSIDE PML OFFICE BETWEEN UDF SUPPORTERS AND PPP "GOONDAS" WHO HAD GATHERED TO SHOUT INSULTS AT DEMONSTRATORS. CASUALTIES WERE RELATIVELY MINOR.

5. COMMENT: MJDF MOVEMENT HAS SO FAR FAILED TO GENERATE REAL MOMENTUM IN PUNJAB LARGELY DUE TO PREOCCUPATION WITH FLOODS. MANY UDF LEADERS ARE PAINFULLY AWARE OF ADVERSE REACTION CREATED BY POLITICKING IN MIDST OF CALAMITY AND

OPPOSITION PRESS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF MOVEMENT AND CONCENTRATION ON FLOOD RELIEF. FACT THAT JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI QUICKLY BOWED OUT OF MOVEMENT, AND JUP REPORTEDLY QUIETLY PULLING OUT AS WELL, LEAVES IT ESSENTIALLY PML ONE-PARTY SHOW. RELIABLE LOCAL OBSERVER NOTES POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE UDF IN FACT THAT GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS CEASED ATTACKING JI EDITORIALY ON AUGUST 24. NONETHELESS, JI DID TAKE TIME TO CRITICIZE POLICE AND PPP "GOONDAS" FOR EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE IN LAHORE IN PRESS EDITORIAL AUGUST 28. GRIFFIN

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